

We humbly recommend and propose, that in order to raise the average annual income of the Bishop of Hereford for the time being, to the sum of four thousand two hundred pounds, as near as may be, there shall be paid by us to the bishop next succeeding to the see of Hereford, which is now vacant, and his successors, bishops of Hereford, for the time being, out of such moneys as shall from time to time be standing to our credit and account in the Bank of England, being part of payments from the larger sees respectively, towards the augmentation of the incomes of the bishops of the smaller sees, the fixed annual sum of one thousand four hundred pounds, by equal half yearly payments, on the first day of March and the first day of September in every year; the first of such payments to be made on the first day of March next; and that whenever hereafter a vacancy in the said see of Hereford shall happen on any other day than one of the said half yearly days of payment, the next half yearly payment shall be apportioned between the bishop making the vacancy, or his representatives, and the bishop succeeding to the see, according to the time which shall have elapsed from the last half yearly day of payment to the day of the vacancy, inclusive, and such proportions shall be paid to the respective parties accordingly.

And whereas the amount of the moneys from time to time applicable to the purposes aforesaid, and to the augmentation of any other of the smaller sees upon vacancies occurring therein respectively, will depend on the contingency of vacancies occurring among the larger sees from which payments are hereafter to be made towards such purposes, and the amount of the demand upon such moneys will depend on the contingency of vacancies occurring among the said smaller sees; and it may therefore happen that the demands upon such moneys may, for a time, exceed the amount thereof; we further recommend and propose, that if at the commencement of any half year, calculated from the first day of January to the last day of June, and from the first day of July to the last day of December, respectively, it shall appear to us that there will in the current half year be a deficiency of the said moneys to pay the sums then charged thereon, and payable in the same half year, it shall be lawful for us to resolve, that a deduction be made from the sum payable in the same half year to the Bishop of Hereford for the time being, and from the sums

payable to the respective bishops of other smaller sees, who, by virtue of any other scheme prepared or to be prepared by us, and of any Order or Orders of your Majesty in Council for ratifying the same, shall then be entitled to payments in augmentation of their respective incomes, so as to keep the sums to be paid, during the same half year, within the amount of the moneys applicable as aforesaid, during such half year, and to calculate such deduction in proportion to the sums which have been or may be named in this and every such other scheme, as the future annual average income of the said sees respectively; and that upon the amount of every such deduction being certified by us, or by our secretary, to the bishop to be affected thereby, within fourteen days after the commencement of such half year, the said bishop shall have no present claim to any greater sum than the residue of his half yearly payment after such deduction as aforesaid, nor any future claim, except as is hereinafter mentioned; that is to say, that so soon thereafter as the sums to be paid to us in any half year, applicable to the purposes aforesaid, shall exceed the sums to be paid by us for those purposes within the same half year, we shall be authorized and bound to divide the surplus rateably among the bishops from whose payments such deductions shall have been made, or the representatives of such of them as shall be dead, and so from half year to half year, until the whole sums deducted shall be paid; the deductions of one half year to be paid before any payment shall be made on account of the deductions of any subsequent half year.

And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing other measures relating to the said bishopric of Hereford, in conformity with the provisions of the said Act.

All which we humbly recommend and propose to your Majesty in Council.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our common seal, this first day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same, and every part thereof, shall take effect immediately from and after